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SUBJ: SARMIENTO KIDNAPPING CASE

REF: STATE 172450

1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CLARIFY REF. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SARMIENTO INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED AS A RESULT OF THE COLOMBIAN REQUEST FOR COOPERATION FROM THE FBI WHICH WAS BROKERED BY THE EMBASSY. ALTHOUGH THE DATA CONTAINED IN STATE 160956 APPEARS TO US TO BE LESS THAN DEFINITIVE AND, IN FACT, CONTAINS NO INFORMATION BEYOND THAT THE SARMIENTOS HAVE GIVEN THE PRESS, BELIEVE WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND TO GOC QUERIES. IF THE FBI DOES NOT INTEND TO RESPOND, PLEASE ADVISE US AS TO WHAT WE SHOULD TELL THE COLOMBIAN POLICE.

2. IN ADDITION TO QUESTION OF RESULTS FBI INTERVIEW, THE CHIEF OF F-2 OF THE NATIONAL POLICE HAS QUERIED EMBASSY ON THE LOCATION OF MATERIAL WHICH FBI APPARENTLY PROMISED TO PROVIDE MAJOR CAMPO IN HIS RECENT VISIT TO NEW YORK TO TALK WITH SARMIENTO AND COOPER.  
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